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You Can't Eat GNP: Economics as Though Ecology Mattered
by **Eric A. Davidson, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, The Woods Hole Research Center**
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"This is a wonderful book: an engaging guide both to the flawed connections between current economics and the environment, as well as to how they would work for a sustainable world. Everybody should get their nose in this one."
Thomas E. Lovejoy, Chief Biodiversity Advisor, The World Bank

"Wonderfully perceptive, clear, and balanced account of what we know about the interaction of the economy, the environment, and the human condition - and about how that knowledge can be applied to build a better future."
John P. Holdren, Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy, Harvard University

"Who needs to be told that 'you can't eat GNP'? I know three leading economists who say that we need not worry about greenhouse climate change because agriculture, the only climate-sensitive sector of the economy, accounts for only 3% of GNP. This book can set them straight."
Herman E. Daly, University of Maryland

"With lucid strokes, Davidson paints a picture of a new world in which the economy and the environment, long seen as natural enemies, are reconciled to their mutual advantage. A good read." Jim MacNeill, Former OECD Environment Director and Secretary General, Brundtland Commission

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Whence Comes Wealth?

Three Fallacies About Economics Versus the Environment

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Richland for Dirt Cheap

Two Views of the Value of Soil